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# Wyoming Crop Weather



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## Week of October 17 – 23, 2011

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Fall weather provides favorable harvesting conditions.

Corn and sugarbeet harvests continue, as haying and harvest for dry beans and silage nears completion. Temperatures for the reference week still remain above normal. Platte County reported that sugarbeet harvest is underway. Corn is drying down and harvest is underway. Grasslands are dry and in need of moisture, hopefully snow will bring good moisture. Lincoln County reported that hay is very expensive but supplies appear to be adequate. High temperatures ranged from low 60s to the low 70s. Low temperatures ranged from the mid 10s to the low 30s.

### SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	5	4	13	10
Short	25	24	45	29
Adequate	66	67	42	59
Surplus	4	5	0	2

**FIELD CROP REPORT:** Days suitable for field work were 6.6. Topsoil moisture, rated adequate or better, was down 2 percent compared to last week's estimate but was above both last year and the 5-year average. Sugarbeet harvest was 57 percent completed, below last year but ahead of the 5-year average. Corn harvest was behind last year but ahead of average as 42 percent of the corn had been harvested. Corn silage harvest is virtually complete at 99 percent harvested. This was ahead of last year and the average for this time of year. Alfalfa hay harvest, at 86 percent for the 3rd cutting, was behind both last year and the 5-year average. Dry bean harvest, at 95 percent, was slightly behind last year but ahead of the 5-year average. Crop conditions of percent good or excellent were unchanged from last week for sugarbeets and corn. Wheat condition improved slightly from the moisture received the previous week.

### CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Dry Beans Combined	95	93	96	87
Sugarbeets Harvested	57	39	70	55
Corn Harvested	42	23	53	25
Corn Silage Harvested	99	94	90	97
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	86	78	92	88

### CROP CONDITION

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	0	100	0
Corn	0	0	19	80	1
Sugarbeets	0	0	35	60	5

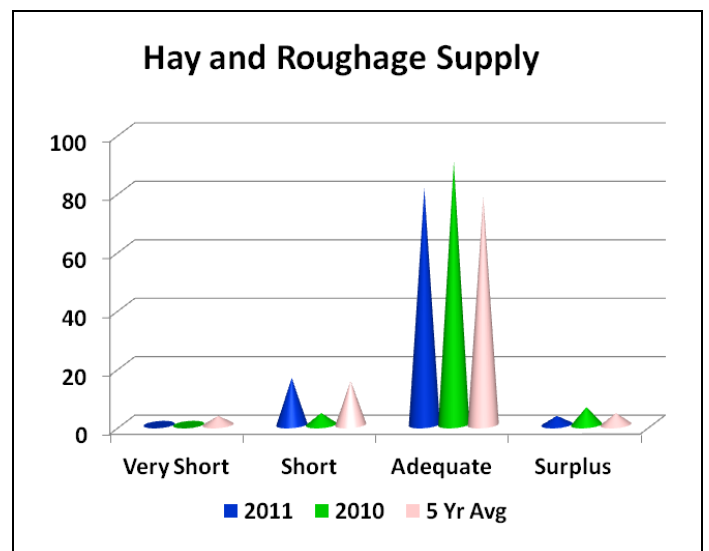
**PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT:** Range and pasture conditions reported good or excellent were 57 percent, unchanged from last week. This is above last year and the 5-year average. Eighty-six percent of the cattle and 79 percent of the sheep had been moved from summer pastures. Hay and roughage supplies are rated as mostly adequate; however, they are rated behind last year at this time but slightly above the 5-year average.

### RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	3	3	2	10
Poor	12	12	10	17
Fair	28	28	38	36
Good	52	52	43	33
Excellent	5	5	7	4

### HAY AND ROUGHAGE SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 10/10	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	0	3
Short	16	7	4	15
Adequate	81	89	90	78
Surplus	3	4	6	4



**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Weekly air temperatures averaged at or above normal for all but 4 of the 33 reporting stations. Temperatures average ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Old Fort Laramie and Wheatland to 7 degrees above normal at Buford, Evanston, and Greybull. The high temperature for the State was 70 degrees at Laramie, Rawlins, and Rock Springs while a low of 13 degrees was recorded at Shirley Basin. Big Horn recorded the most precipitation for the week with 0.50 inches, 0.21 inches above normal for the reference week and raising the cumulative precipitation since January 1, 2011 to 22.59 inches above normal. All 33 reporting stations recorded some precipitation for the week. Big Horn is the location with the highest cumulative precipitation above normal since January 1, while Big Piney is the furthest behind at 2.34 inches below normal. Twenty-five reporting stations have recorded above normal cumulative precipitation since January 1, 2011.

**Weather Data for the Week Ending October 23, 2011 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
<b>District 1</b>									
Cody	61	30	47	2	0.38	0.21	0.17	13.99	4.13
Dubois	61	24	44	4	0.31	0.14	0.17	13.41	4.82
Greybull	65	31	50	7	0.14	0.14	0.00	10.10	3.37
Jeffrey City	68	18	43	2	0.10	0.14	-0.04	7.68	-1.72
Lake Yellowstone	50	22	37	5	0.48	0.28	0.20	21.53	4.90
Lander	65	31	48	3	0.37	0.28	0.09	13.47	1.97
Powell	64	27	46	4	0.12	0.14	-0.02	8.13	1.60
Riverton	64	30	48	4	0.15	0.14	0.01	10.39	3.22
Worland	66	28	49	3	0.42	0.14	0.28	10.33	3.16
<b>District 2</b>									
Big Horn	67	29	48	6	0.50	0.29	0.21	22.59	9.67
Buffalo-Johnson	63	32	48	4	0.17	0.21	-0.04	13.99	1.68
Gillette	65	28	46	3	0.33	0.35	-0.02	15.85	1.10
Midwest	69	28	47	2	0.32	0.26	0.06	13.16	1.03
Newcastle	65	28	46	-1	0.15	0.28	-0.13	17.73	3.29
Sheridan	69	28	49	6	0.37	0.28	0.09	16.44	3.47
Sundance	65	25	46	3	0.03	0.35	-0.32	18.51	1.80
<b>District 3</b>									
Big Piney	66	19	42	6	0.02	0.14	-0.12	4.23	-2.34
Evanston	66	30	47	7	0.20	0.27	-0.07	7.50	-2.28
Jackson Hole	63	23	42	4	0.40	0.28	0.12	14.76	-1.73
Thayne	63	24	44	5	0.28	0.31	-0.03	15.48	0.61
<b>District 4</b>									
Casper	66	26	47	4	0.25	0.26	-0.01	10.84	-0.51
Laramie	70	21	44	4	0.03	0.16	-0.13	7.83	-2.28
Rawlins	70	21	47	4	0.06	0.21	-0.15	6.61	-1.82
Rock Springs	70	30	48	6	0.05	0.21	-0.16	7.14	-0.90
Shirley Basin	63	13	37	3	0.05	0.14	-0.09	12.82	3.64
<b>District 5</b>									
Buford	66	25	45	7	0.07	0.17	-0.10	14.27	0.67
Cheyenne	65	24	46	3	0.06	0.14	-0.08	16.67	2.48
Chugwater	67	24	46	3	0.29	0.21	0.08	16.84	2.70
Douglas	66	24	46	2	0.36	0.14	0.22	12.21	0.92
Lance Creek	67	25	45	-2	0.31	0.21	0.10	13.76	1.50
Old Fort Laramie	67	19	43	-3	0.15	0.15	0.00	15.24	3.05
Torrington	69	25	47	2	0.17	0.21	-0.04	16.34	3.63
Wheatland	69	24	47	-3	0.17	0.19	-0.02	15.85	3.77

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955